

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2137 - SB 2167

February 24, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Broadens the Tennessee Public Charter School Act of 2002 to authorize the creation of a charter school for *students* who are failing to make adequate yearly progress, regardless of the status of the school as a whole. Under present law, a charter school may be formed to provide alternatives for students in *schools* failing to make adequate yearly progress.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Other Fiscal Impact – Shifts BEP funds from the LEAs to public charter schools in an amount estimated to exceed \$100,000.

Assumptions:

- The bill opens up eligibility to populations of students not eligible under current law and removes the cap on the number of charter schools that can be created.
- Any increase in the number of potential charter schools or charter school students would result in a shift in local government revenues and expenditures from the LEA to the public charter school.
- Charter schools have an average enrollment of 100 students.
- An amount per student based on revenue would go to the charter school since funds follow the student.
- Estimate assumes that this bill would not require additional BEP funds, but such education BEP funds would be reallocated from traditional public schools, as the funds follow the student, to public charter schools.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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